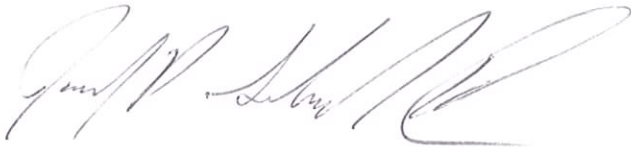


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Thunder Bay Underwater Preserve Committee after first opposing the proposed expansion of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary is now satisfied that progress is being made with the placement of buoys on the sites TBNMS has been holding permits on for the last five years. And the staff has shown a real commitment and has had all the buoys in by Memorial Day for each of the last two years. Finally we have been excited by the progress made on the shipwreck sketches promised us two years ago. In short Staff is showing that they can accomplish management objectives within the current boundaries.

We have voted and offer our support of the expansion of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary to include the waters off of Alcona and Presque Isle Counties out to the International border only while Thunder Bay Underwater Preserve's boundaries will remain congruent with the National Sanctuaries.

Any other boundary designation will only add confusion to what Thunder Bay Sanctuary/Underwater Preserve is.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Sobczak', with a stylized, flowing script.

Joseph Sobczak, President

Thunder Bay Underwater Preserve Committee